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##### HOUSE.

A joint resolution was introduced by Mr. DAWES, denouncing a canon for the soldiers' monument in Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

Mr. STANTON offered a resolution for the abolition of the printing and transporting of public documents at public expense.

Several private bills were passed.

Mr. STANTON presented a petition for the reduction of the duty on rice.

The Committee on the Committee on Appropriations reported a bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to purchase at private sale or by condemnation, the remainder of the square of ground on which the postoffice building at Chicago, recently stood, now owned by the government, and if the same cannot be purchased at a reasonable price, then to purchase some other square not more than two squares distant from that locality, and proceed to erect on the same a fire-proof building for the accommodation of a custom house, sub-treasury, postoffice, United States Court, pension and Internal Revenue office. The bill appropriates the sum of \$1,000,000 for the purchase of the site and building and not exceed four millions. He explained the features of the bill, and advocated its prompt passage.

Mr. HANCOCK moved to strike out that portion of the bill limiting the selection of the site to within two squares of the locality of the old postoffice. He thought such a limitation would place the government in the power of a real estate combination.

Mr. PLATT spoke against the amendment, and explained that even with the proposed limitation the government would still have twenty-four squares to select from, and that there was nothing to be feared from any real estate combination.

Mr. HANCOCK moved to reduce the total cost to two millions.

Mr. PLATT opposed that amendment, and referred to the Postoffice buildings in New York and Boston, which were to cost three millions each, to accommodate the Postoffice and United States Courts.

Mr. HANCOCK advocated Mr. HANCOCK's amendment, contending that two millions was a liberal allowance for the six buildings. He thought the situation in the New York and Boston custom houses rather unfortunate, because by condoning the present dilapidated condition of the public money, and by the enlargement of the original plan, the building in New York was likely to cost ten millions instead of three millions.

Mr. KELLEY, of Penn'a., dissented entirely from the views of his colleague. He thought his constituents would rejoice in a liberal appropriation for Chicago. He thought the government should put up a building in Chicago, and he would do it in all time to come, of the fire which had devastated that city. The government could guard against fraud in the expenditure of money there as it could anywhere else, except perhaps in New York, where the Tammany ring had so corrupted the whole atmosphere, that honesty was almost impossible. He was willing to vote for four millions for Chicago, and only regretted that the amendment was not more liberal, five millions. The amendment was recommended by the Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

Mr. HANCOCK reminded his colleagues that the question was not one of charity at all.

Mr. KELLEY replied that he was not asking charity. He was only asking that the government should deal with generous justice to the stricken people of Chicago. There was no charity in the proposition. There was the tone of the gentleman's argument.

Mr. HANCOCK said that as a member of the Committee on Appropriations he had given his assent to the bill. He protested against the Chicago bill, and Illinois asked any appropriation on account of Chicago, as a city was one of the finest on the continent, and most rapidly growing on the face of the earth. It had been destroyed and laid waste. The Government had an important interest there. It had no custom house there, no court house, no post office, and no public buildings. It was the duty of the Government to furnish proper accommodations for the transaction of its business.

Mr. HANCOCK modified his amendment, so as to make the total amount \$1,000,000.

Mr. FAIRBANKS opposed the amendment, and advocated the appropriation of \$2,000,000. The proposed building was to accommodate the postoffice, custom house, courts, sub-treasury and Internal Revenue business, whereas the New York building was only for the postoffice and courts. The government had a custom house building in New York which had cost \$1,200,000, and there had already been expended on the postoffice, which had not cost beyond \$500,000. The Government had a building which would probably in the end cost \$3,000,000, while the building proposed to be erected in Chicago for all the government offices was only to cost \$1,000,000. He did not see how the stricken people of Chicago were to be helped by this bill.

Mr. HANCOCK said that it was arising from his anxiety and would show that it would in a few years require a building of the extent proposed for the transaction of its public business.

Mr. DAWES said he desired to disabuse the bill of any prejudice growing out of the public buildings in New York. He believed that the bill should stand on its own merits.

As to the New York Postoffice costing \$1,000,000, Mr. HANCOCK said he meant \$1,000,000 for both the New York and Boston Postoffices.

Mr. DAWES regretted that the gentleman had not said any more what he meant. If it were necessary to drag the Boston Custom House into the discussion, he was entirely willing. The Custom House had never been enlarged a hair's breadth, but had been expended on it to beyond the limitation put on its originality. The gentleman's new zeal in regard to the corruption had led to the confusion of his mind to such an extent that he was in his mind to make what he was saying.

Mr. HANCOCK said he was thinking about that had cost ten millions, and he regretted that the new role the gentleman (HANCOCK) was attempting had led him into confusion.

Mr. HANCOCK—The United States Courts are to be accommodated in the Postoffice building.

### NEW YORK CITY.

New York, December 15.—A meeting of doctors was held yesterday to take steps to secure legislative enactments against smallpox and abortion.

The Grand Jury yesterday visited the East River prison, and spent some of the day in examining the inmates for smallpox. The necessary measures for the prevention of smallpox were discussed.

The Sun says it has information that Mr. Garvey, wife of plasterer Garvey, arrived in this city yesterday from Switzerland, and that she is instructed by her husband to say that on condition of his not being prosecuted, he will disclose all that he knows concerning the Ring. She intimates that her husband's revelations will implicate Mayor Hall, Sweeney, and Henry Smith. Her proposition has not yet been replied to by the City.

A Deputy Sheriff yesterday seized the New York Police, George's establishment and the New York Manufacturing Stationers' office—both creations of the Ring—to satisfy the company's projected notes for \$100,000.

Those who would rather preach than practice.

Mr. SWANN expressed his regret that an attempt had been made to make this a party question. He approached it without reference to party, and for the purpose of doing justice to the stricken community which had been visited by a calamity unprecedented in the history of the country. The gentleman from Chicago (Mr. HANCOCK) had said that he was not a question of party. He (SWANN) did not approach it as a question of party, but he did approach it as a question of sympathy. His own judgment was that every dollar of four millions would be required to erect a building adequate to the business necessities of Chicago, and such a sum would comfort the character and trade of that great city. He did not advocate any negatively policy in reference to Chicago or any other city. He might justly complain of his own city Baltimore, where not more than \$100,000 had been expended for government buildings. This appropriation would have the effect of stimulating and encouraging the people of Chicago in their efforts to rebuild their city. He asked whether any gentleman could divert himself of the natural sympathy in looking on the situation brought on Chicago. He thought that the gentleman who was so ready of all party feeling on this question, and in bringing back that great city to her ancient prosperity.

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